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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/661,080	Applicant(s) RUGGIERO, MICHAEL JOSEPH	
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9/12/2003
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-10 as best understood are rejected as failing to define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The claim(s) are narrative in form and replete with indefinite and functional or operational language. The structure which goes to make up the device must be clearly and positively specified. The structure must be organized and correlated in such a manner as to present a complete operative device. The claim(s) must be in one sentence form only. Note the format of the claims in the patent(s) cited.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

For the purposes of this action, claims 1-10 have been treated as one claim, as several claims are not written in proper independent or dependent form.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-10 (hereinafter referred to as claim 1) is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Piepenbrink US5088301.
5. Regarding claims 1-10, Piepenbrink discloses a conditioning source to aid in the longevity of the refreshment 140, that the dish and all of its parts are easily cleaned (col

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3, line 21 discloses an inner removable liner which can be removed and cleaned); multiple conditioning sources (col 3, lines 45-59); regeneration of the cooling sources may take place (col 3, line 59); the size of the conditioning sources may be adjusted or removed (col 4, line 28); that insulation 104 redirects the BTU's from the conditioning sources 140; the dish is constructed such that it has non-skid 142 and weight distribution qualities, to aid in keeping the dish upright (col 3, line 16 discloses a base shape for holding and securing the cooling member); the dish 118 can be used independently or with ungenerated conditioning sources 140; that no electricity is needed to power the cooling member 140 (it is placed in the freezer, and then continues to cool after being removed to the ambient environment); and eliminating the need for two dishes.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Seager US Des 374152; LaBarba US3990495; Haverland, Jr. et al. US4478349; Kopp US4270490; Jreusche et al. US5345063; Geitner US5346710; English US5592899; Gaspary US6089187; Wolansky US6138291; Reushce et al. US6469281; Abbate US Des 254416; Thorp US Des 316360.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bethany L. Griles whose telephone number is 703.305.1839. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter M. Poon can be reached on 703.308.2574. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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